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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

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For: A DEVICE FOR INJECTING AN INTRAOCULAR LENS MADE OF FLEXIBLE MATERIAL

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please enter the following amended claims:

3/ (Amended) A device according to claim 1, characterized in that the injection end of the piston comprises a plurality of fingers (10a-10b) of hard plastic material capable of flexing towards one another as the piston moves so as to form a cylinder that occupies practically the entire section of the end of the body (1), while simultaneously pushing the lens.

6/ (Amended) A device according to claim 3, characterized in that the single finger or central finger (10a) is extended by a spatula (10c) holding the lens beside the curved face of the body in the thrust space.

7/ (Amended) A device according to claim 1, characterized by using sealing gaskets at the guide head (9) and a stopper closing the end (7) so as to make it possible for the lens to be packaged directly in immersion in a liquid.